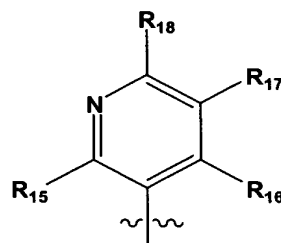


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0033], bridging pages 16 and 17, with the following paragraph:

When A is optionally substituted pyridyl, A may be:



and R₁₅-R₁₈ are independently hydrogen, halo, haloalkyl, aryl, fused aryl, carbocyclic, a heterocyclic group, a heteroaryl group, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl, heteroarylalkynyl, carbocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, carboxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, acylamido, hydroxy, thiol, acyloxy, azido, alkoxy, carboxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, carbonylamido or alkylthiol; or

R₁₆ and R₁₇, or R₁₇ and R₁₈, taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an aryl, heteroaryl, optionally substituted carbocyclic or optionally substituted heterocyclic group, wherein said group is optionally substituted.